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TO: All County Welfare Directors

Letter No.: 95-61

REFUGEE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (RMA) REGULATIONS

Ref.: All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) No. 95-50

The purpose of this letter is to clarify how to implement the RMA regulation changes previously discussed in ACWDL No. 95-50 which were published in the Federal Register and entitled 45 Code of Federal Regulations Part 400, Refugee Resettlement Program, Final Rule. A copy of these regulations was inadvertently not enclosed with ACWDL No. 95-50 but are enclosed hereto for your reference.

The federal regulation effective October 1 permits refugees who lose Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) because of increased earnings through employment to continue to receive RMA until the end of the time-eligibility period which is presently eight months. Counties are instructed to implement this manually. This will not be done automatically on Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS). If the Refugee loses Aid Code 01 RCA eligibility, the county will have to place the person manually in the 02 RMA aid code. This manual procedure will avoid the possibility that MEDS will not match the county system causing the record to be placed in hold at RECON.

If you have any questions, please contact Elena Lara of my staff at (916) 657-0712.

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Enclosure

ENCLOSURE

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ORR State Letter

95-22

Date: June 28, 1995

TO: STATE REFUGEE COORDINATORS

FROM: Regina Lee
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Office of Refugee Resettlement

SUBJECT: Publication of the Final Rule

The enclosed final rule was published in today's Federal Register (60 FR 33584). This rule is effective October 1, 1995.

The final rule differs from the notice of proposed rulemaking published on August 12, 1994, in the following ways:

- (1) Limits eligibility for refugee social services and targeted assistance services, with the exception of referral and interpreter services, to refugees who have been in the U.S. 5 years or less.
- (2) Allows refugee medical assistance (RMA) recipients who become employed to continue to receive RMA for the full 8-month time-eligibility period, regardless of whether the recipient obtains private medical coverage, as long as the RMA payment is reduced by the amount of the third party payment.
- (3) Requires the provision of refugee-specific services designed to meet refugee needs instead of requiring a separate refugee-specific service system in which refugees are the only client group served.
- (4) Requires the development of a family self-sufficiency plan for any refugee who participates in refugee program-funded employment-related services.
- (5) Restores case management as an allowable non-employment-related service.
- (6) Replaces the current job search provision with a general provision that States must require job search for employable refugees where appropriate.

If you have any questions regarding the final rule or if you wish to obtain technical assistance from the Division of Refugee Self-Sufficiency regarding implementation, please contact Toyo Biddle at (202) 401-9253.

Enclosure